

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Sites particularly suited for substitutions, deletions or insertions, or use as fragments, include, numbered from the N-terminus of the HRG2- $\alpha$  of Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:11):

- 1) potential glycosaminoglycan addition sites at the serine-glycine dipeptides at 42-43, 64-65, 151-152;
- 2) potential asparagine-linked glycosylation at positions 164, 170, 208 and 437, sites (NDS) 164-166, (NIT) 170-172 and (NTS) 208-210;
- 3) potential O-glycosylation in a cluster of serine and threonine at 209-218;
- 4) cysteines at 226, 234, 240, 254, 256 and 265;
- 5) transmembrane domain at 287-309;
- 6) loop 1 delineated by cysteines 226 and 240;
- 7) loop 2 delineated by cysteines 234 and 254;
- 8) loop 3 delineated by cysteines 256 and 265; and
- 9) potential protease processing sites at 2-3, 8-9, 23-24, 33-34, 36-37, 45-46, 48-49, 62-63, 66-67, 86-87, 110-111, 123-124, 134-135, 142-143, 272-273, 278-279 and 285-286;—.